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City Holding Poster Contest

The Wichita Falls Public Works Department is calling ALL artists, who would enjoy passes to Castaway Cove to enter the ***Keep Our Storm Water Clean Poster Contest***.

The contest is to increase awareness about the importance of keeping the City's storm water drains (the drains along the curbs on City streets) free of pollutants such as yard waste, chemicals, paint, solvents, oil, pesticides, fertilizer and other hazardous materials that can make their way into the the Wichita River, Holiday Creek, Lake Wichita and Plum Creek.

Posters can be of any size, design, color, or style including painting, drawing, water color, markers, photos, computer or images cut out of magazines. The poster should also include a unique slogan such as "The 3 C's of Storm Water Management: Control, Contain, Capture" or "Make Your Home the Solution to Storm Water Pollution."

Posters should be delivered to the City's Public Works Department located in Room 402 of Municipal Auditorium, 1300 7th Street, by Wednesday, July 14th.

Winners will be announced on August 3rd. Prizes include Castaway Cove Passes and the winning poster will be used as part of the City's campaign to improve storm water quality.

The complete Storm Water Management Plan can be viewed by going to homepage of the City's website at wichitafallstx.gov. For more information please contact Teresa Rose, Assistant Public Works Director at 761-7477.

Some key words to consider when making the poster: Street drains, yard waste, pouring chemicals, oil, paint or other hazardous materials into a storm drain, drinking water, poison, creeks, rivers, lakes, treatment facilities, wildlife, pets, fish, fishing, swimming, boating, lawn care, painting, fertilizing, bug spray-pesticides, changing oil, motor oil, water runoff, illegal dumping, trash, bag yard waste- don't sweep or blow it into the street. The artist might also do a word search on the internet for storm water (stormwater) or storm water management for some ideas.